Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Kim N. Smith's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Kim N. Smith devoted more than 30 years of his life to the service of this state and country in the Public Affairs and Artillery fields, with 12 overseas service missions in eight countries. He deployed to Ft. Riley, Kansas, in support of Operation Noble Eagle and to humanitarian operations in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. His coverage of WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam War Memorial Dedication ceremonies, governor's inaugurals, among other events, and his work on "The Coyote" newspaper, have greatly helped tell the Guard story; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Smith continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Kim N. Smith for more than 30 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 30, 2007, as

MASTER SERGEANT KIM N. SMITH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State